



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, every child deserves a safe, permanent, nurturing home; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year; and

WHEREAS, the CASA program is successful because of the ability of the volunteers to dedicate the energy and efforts to help one child at a time; and

WHEREAS, every child has a right to the most thorough review of their situation while they are in the child welfare system and the quickest possible route to a future of permanency; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and to become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, loving environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 7 through 11, 2003, to be

CASA WEEK

in Idaho, and I call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations and businesses in Idaho to observe this occasion by demonstrating our respect and gratitude for the seven judicial CASA programs and their volunteers who devotedly and unselfishly work to keep our children safe; by learning how we can also keep children from harm's way; by taking responsible actions to protect our children, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE